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1.

PRCLO HAS INFORMED THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION THAT THE PRC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR THE 1976 EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

TO PRC:

PURE AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS -- APRIL

WHEAT STUDY GROUP -- MAY/JUNE

LIAONING EARTHQUAKE -- AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

CHINESE PAINTING -- LATE SEPTEMBER

STEROID CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY -- OCTOBER

TO US:

SEISMOLOGICAL ENGINEERING -- APRIL

IMMUNOLOGY -- MAY

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ASTRONOMY -- JUNE

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES -- SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
NATURAL GAS -- SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
AGRICULTURE -- LATER IN YEAR

2.

ALTHOUGH THIS SCHEDULE DIFFERS SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THAT WHICH THE CSC SUBMITTED TO THE CHINESE IN JANUARY, THE CSC HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT IT WITH EXCEPTIONS. THEY WILL ASK THAT THE CHINESE ACCEPT THE US MATHEMATICS DELEGATION IN MAY RATHER THAN APRIL, AND THAT THE PRC ASTRONOMY STUDY GROUP ARRIVE IN SEPTEMBER RATHER THAN JUNE. IT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT THAT DURING THIS TIME OF INTERNAL POLITICAL FLUX, WHEN POLICY TOWARDS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS UNDERGOING HEATED DEBATE, THE PRC IS CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE A DELEGATION OF US MATHEMATICIANS IN APRIL. THE CHINESE APPEAR ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN AN IMPRESSION OF NORMALCY AND CONTINUITY IN THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. KISSINGER

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